

Other Accomplishments

- 32 Irrigation Water Management Plans implemented and/or maintained.
- Grant funding process started on PAM applications.
- Technical assistance to dairymen and farmers.
- Livestock cost share offered to three dairies.

2008 Feature Accomplishment Photos



Preliminary Wildlife Habitat



Established Wildlife Habitat

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Wildlife Habitat Specialist

Resource Challenge

Decreased wildlife habitat due to circle conversions and other farming activities has led to a decrease in upland bird and wildlife populations.

Project Summary and Results

Due to decreased wildlife habitat, Warden Conservation District (WCD) had grave concerns for the upland bird and wildlife populations that play a vital role in our economic stability. While farming is the main economic source in the District, the second biggest economic resource in the Columbia Basin is recreation (i.e. hunting, fishing, and water sports).

Upland game hunting is a large economic boost to the local economy. By providing and sustaining habitat, the area will continue to benefit from this economic resource for many generations. Our community relies heavily upon recreation to provide economic sustainability for many local businesses. Sportsmen from other states come to enjoy our lakes, reservoirs, and the excellent hunting opportunities for upland birds, waterfowl, and deer.

The WCD hired a wildlife habitat specialist to design and install wildlife habitat plots throughout the District. Currently there are 32 wildlife habitat plots between 2 counties being designed and/or installed by the newly hired wildlife habitat specialist. The new areas of native trees and shrubs will enhance the ecosystem needed for Columbia Basin upland species.

Key Project Partners

This project entailed a partnership between the Warden Conservation District, Moses Lake Conservation District, Grant Conservation District, Kittitas Conservation District, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the Washington State Conservation Commission.



Silt in waterways hinders aquatic life. (See More Work to Do.)

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More Work To Do

Applying Polyacrylamide (PAM) to fields keeps soil particles out of irrigation water that is returned to streams. The WCD feels that applying PAM to more, if not all fields in the District would greatly benefit the area's water quality.

For this reason there is much more work to be done in finding additional funding sources for PAM applications with new cooperators. The District is currently writing grants to secure this funding to implement PAM.